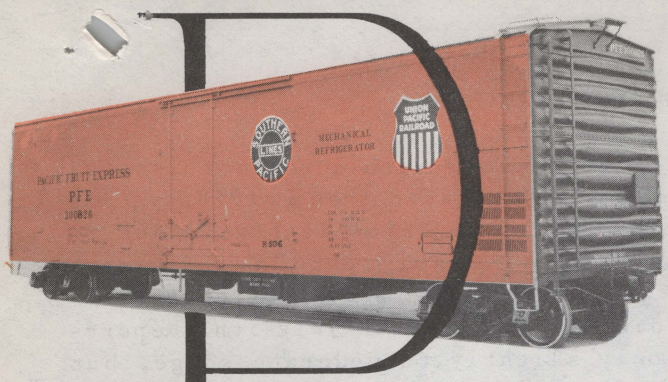

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NEWS LETTER

PACIFIC FRUIT EXPRESS COMPANY
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

AUGUST 1959

P.F.E. LOADINGS

	1959			1958		
	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total	PFE Cars	Foreigns	Total
July	*22,594*	*6,640*	*29,234*	*28,865*	*6,398*	*35,263*
January-July	*179,052*	*24,320*	*203,372*	*193,273*	*20,260*	*213,533*

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NEW CARS

PFE was authorized in August by its Owning Lines, UP and SP, to construct 1,025 additional mechanical cars at its Los Angeles car shops, details being shown on attached.

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CAR SITUATION

As of August 1st, car situation on contract lines was very satisfactory and ample supplies were in all loading territories. With good supplies in the Southwestern District and loading going into seasonal decline, the westbound tide of PFE cars has been directed via the Overland Route. Movement through El Paso Gateway is reduced to minimum, consisting of empties developing from unloads on T&NO and cars unloading in the "Deep South" home routed via T&NO. Indications are the situation will continue to be satisfactory throughout August and well into September.

CROP CONDITIONS

ALONG SOUTHERN PACIFIC -

Oregon: Bartlett pear crop in Rogue River Valley is progressing satisfactorily and it appears that "pack out" will equal or possibly exceed that of last year. Bosc crop, however, is going to be much lighter than last year due to an exceptionally heavy June drop and development of irregularly shaped fruit. Harvesting of the Bartlett crops began during the week of August 16th with fruit going to cold storages as shipping to fresh markets will not commence until early September after dis-

posal of the bulk of heavy California Bartlett crop. In Klamath Basin new potato crop is progressing normally, and appears to be comparable with last year both in size and quality. Digging of Klamath potatoes will not start until late in September.

Northern California: Cantaloupe production along West Side has been disappointingly low due to poor yields. The quality has been excellent and markets were favorable during most of the deal; movement has been steady although in lighter than normal volume. Harvest of Elberta peach crop was practically completed during the week of August 9th. Harvest of San Joaquin Valley plum crops was completed early in August. Crops in Placer County and on the Hillside reached peak production during week of August 9th, and had entered seasonal decline the week of August 16th. Bulk of the Bartlett pear crop in the Stockton District and Upper Sacramento Valley had been shipped by August 15th, and Bartletts from Hillside points passed full production period by August 20th. Pear crop along Northwestern Pacific commenced harvest and started moving July 30th, reaching full volume by August 10th, and is expected to continue in steady volume through the month. Salinas Valley lettuce shipping is proceeding in normal seasonal volume, and with continued favorable markets should move steadily remainder of month. Carrots, tomatoes, and other summer vegetables are moving in normal volume for this season.

Southern California District: Bulk of loading at this time of year consists primarily of citrus fruits and summer vegetables from the Guadalupe-Santa Maria Valley. Both citrus and vegetable loading will move in seasonally decreasing volume through the month.

T&NO: Perishable loading along T&NO is at low ebb during this period of year. Refrigerator car loading consists of bananas, packing house products, and a few miscellaneous commodities.

While Idaho potato acreage this season is some 10% greater than in 1958, yields are expected to be below last year due to irregular settings and growth in many areas. Frost was experienced throughout Southeastern Idaho during week of July 5th. Reports show only slightly to moderate singe, but maturity may have been retarded by as much as two weeks, and the entire crop is now susceptible to further damage in event of early Fall cold weather. Early potato movement from Southeastern Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, is now underway with a light demand for Idaho Reds, a fair market for Whites, and a good market for Gems. Onion production shows signs of breaking all records for volume and quality; however, this could be detrimental market-wise in the light of similar conditions all over the country. Fruit crops in Idaho are about normal with prune harvest starting week of August 9th.

Northwest District: Shipping from this district was very light during first part of August, with harvest of early prunes and peaches in Yakima Valley getting underway during first week. Loadings increased with commencement of harvest of Bartlett pears about the middle of the month. Over-all loading for month will be normal except for miscellaneous commodities which will be lighter due to greater use of trucks and box cars for beer loading in Seattle area.

Eastern District: Colorado vegetable deal is underway; however, rail shipments are expected to average only a few cars per day during August and September as bulk of crop is being moved by truck. Northern Colorado potatoes got underway around August 1st with indications rail movement should be a little better than August last year when 172 carloads were moved. Potato movement is also underway from Nebraska's Kearney District. Acreage planted this season is about same as last year and crop appears in good condition. Loadings in Missouri River centers, particularly from Kansas City area, will continue in normal seasonal volume and consist of packing house products, frozen foods, and miscellaneous commodities.

The Management extends congratulations and best wishes to following PFE employes who reached service anniversaries with our Company during month of August 1959.

40 YEARS SERVICE

A. W. Bomkamp	AGM's Office	Chicago

35 YEARS SERVICE

Carmel F. Leffmann	Car Department	San Francisco
L. W. Foulger	Agency	Ogden
Lemoyne S. Bloom	Car Department	Roseville
Edward H. Sonneman	Ice Plant	North Platte

30 YEARS SERVICE

Earl V. Hopkins	Car Department	San Francisco
H. O. Heyse	AGM's Office	Chicago
F. W. Heckl	AGM's Office	Chicago
E. E. Kratz	AGM's Office	Chicago
C. T. Currin	AGM's Office	Omaha
L. D. Boerens	Superintendent's Office	Ogden
E. J. Mapes	Agency	Pocatello
Encil J. Wiley	Store Department	Nampa
Virgil H. Mulch	Store Department	Roseville
Emer L. Corey	Car Department	Nampa
Russell R. Yardley	Car Department	Pocatello
Charles A. Brown	Car Department	Roseville
J. J. Foley	Ice Plant	Council Bluffs
Everett J. Muirhead	Ice Plant	North Platte

25 YEARS SERVICE

Willis W. Coyle	Car Department	Nampa
Marshall A. Ellinger	Car Department	Roseville
Grant B. Huntington	Car Department	Roseville
Leroy Loker	Car Department	Roseville
Paul S. Toay	Ice Plant	North Platte

20 YEARS SERVICE

H. B. Watkins	Agency	Ogden
W. R. Arnold	Agency	Albina
Joseph J. Ferretti	Ice Plant	Fresno

15 YEARS SERVICE

J. J. Tipner	AGM's Office	Chicago
H. W. Boettcher	Agency	Klamath Falls
Hans M. Stanton	Superintendent's Office	Sacramento
Ellis F. Wyatt	Car Department	Nampa

15 YEARS SERVICE (Continued)

Mannel R. Vieyra	Car Department	North Platte
Mrs. Eldine F. Pugliese	Car Department	Roseville
Walter H. Noel	Ice Plant	North Platte
William N. Wahlen	Ice Plant	Ogden

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The following PFE people have recently retired from our service and to each of them we extend our best wishes for a long and happy retirement:

Gustof F. Brown	Carman	Los Angeles
Nick Buconich	Carman	Los Angeles
Vance E. Moore	Carman	Los Angeles
Mrs. Laura Neff	Clerk-Timekeeper	Roseville
Harvey L. Pace	Carman	Roseville
Jesus M. Quiroz	Carman-Helper	Los Angeles
William S. Ware	Carman-Helper	Los Angeles
Nick J. Wolar	Carman	Los Angeles
John F. Wulchney	Carman	Los Angeles

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"The person who talks about his inferiors -- hasn't any."

---The A.M.A.

CHAS. AHERN
Vice President & General Manager